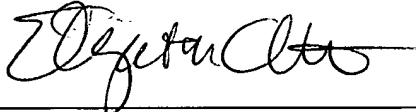


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

By this Preliminary Amendment, the application has been amended to eliminate the multiple dependency of claim 8 and to correct the sequence listing. In the Notification, the PTO stated that the sequence listing had an invalid line length, and that no line should exceed 72 characters. Applicant submits that no line in either the original or the currently amended sequence listing exceeds 72 characters. Applicant has amended the sequence listing to change the notations in German to English, and to add an explanation of the bases defined as "N" in sequences 9 and 11. No new matter has been introduced. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

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